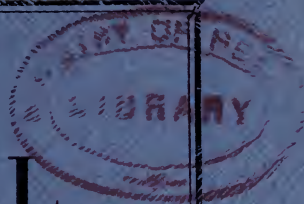


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TO THE Evesham Rural District Council

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1939.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of your District for the year 1939.

The following are the chief statistics for 1939, viz.:—

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	52,872
Population, Census 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,106
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population mid-1939.	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) For calculating Birth-Rates 13,890

(b) „ „ Death-Rates 14,260

Rateable Value (1st April, 1939) £54,395

Estimated product of a penny rate £220

Live Births (for calculating Birth-Rates):

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	144	94	208
Illegitimate	3	6	9

Live Births (for calculating Infant and Maternal Mortality Rates):

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	117	95	222
Illegitimate	3	6	9

Birth-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ... 15.6

	Males	Females	Total
Still Births	5	6	11

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 45

Deaths 92 85 177

Death-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ... 12.4

Deaths from Puerperal causes:

	Deaths	Rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
Other Puerperal causes	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil

Death-rate of infants under one year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births 26

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... 27

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 31

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) Nil

Comparison with some of the figures for the whole country is as follows:—

	England & Wales	District
Birth-rate	15.0	15.6
Death-rate	12.1	12.4
Infant Mortality Rate	50	26

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following Table gives the causes of death during 1939, viz. :

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Measles	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	—	1
Influenza	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3	1	4
Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—
G.P.I. Tabes, etc.	—	—	—
Cancer, Malignant Disease	16	15	31
Diabetes	3	2	5
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.	4	2	6
Heart Disease	25	35	60
Aneurysm	—	—	—
Other Circulatory Diseases	5	4	9
Bronchitis	4	2	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	3	3	6
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	2	3
Peptic Ulcer	3	1	4
Diarrhœa, etc.	—	—	—
Appendicitis, etc.	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	—	2	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	3	—	3
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	—	—	—
Congenital Debility, etc.	4	2	6
Senility	5	5	10
Suicide	1	1	2
Other Deaths from Violence	2	3	5
Other Defined Diseases	8	5	13
Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—	—
Totals	92	85	177

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

These remain the same as previously reported, except that arrangement has been made between various Local Authorities in the County to pool their hospital accommodation for the reception of cases of infectious diseases needing isolation and hospital treatment.

Each Local Authority relieving another, as circumstances permit, when one Authority becomes pressed for hospital beds and another has vacancies.

An admirable expedient, especially now in war time when it would not be possible to extend existing hospital accommodation where the need of this is felt in any district.

With motor ambulance the transport of cases is easily effected without detriment to the patient.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLIES.

In his report, which I append, your Surveyor, Mr. Atkinson, gives an account of the important improvement and additions made and in progress during the year designed to meet existing needs and forestall future requirements as far as these can be met with the supply available at the present sources; so far it has been sufficient.

It is particularly fortunate that, thanks to Mr. Atkinson's foresight in securing his supplies of pipes, etc., before the storm broke, he has been able to carry on with the laying of the new mains in spite of war time exigencies.

SEWERAGE.

With regard to this, and other matters, I need add nothing to the information and comment given in the Surveyor's Report.

Much now, for the time being, must remain in abeyance.

HOUSING.

Details of the work done during the year are given by Mr. Atkinson and shown in the tables he includes.

Housing conditions in the District have received your close attention for so many years that the interruption the war has brought to new building and renovation or demolition of poor houses will be less severely felt than in many districts. Year by year so much has been done to meet the needs of the neighbourhood.

This is especially fortunate just now, when Rural Districts need to afford shelter to large numbers of children and others from places stricken, or likely to be stricken, by enemy action from the air.

EVACUATION.

In September, the plan of the Evacuating Authority provided for the reception in Evesham Rural District of 1,580 school-children

on the first day, and 300 expectant mothers accompanied with 400 children on the second day. These were maximum numbers. On the first day 462 only arrived, and none on the second day.

Complete arrangements had been made for the reception at rail-head, transport and billeting of the total numbers expected.

In a number of villages reception committees which had made elaborate plans, including refreshments at the village hall, received no children, or many less than expected, and large numbers of individual householders made domestic preparations which proved unnecessary.

Much kind thought was shown.

The arrangements worked smoothly, as was to be expected after the thought given to organisation by Mr. Gardiner and the unstinted work done by local voluntary committees and other kind people who gave help.

A small proportion of the children were verminous or suffering from impetigo, and as was inevitable, the party included a few bed-wetters. Nearly all these cases were confined to one school.

The health of the children and standard of cleanliness of the majority were satisfactory.

When air-attacks did not develop as expected, many of the children drifted back to the evacuation areas, until by the end of the year the original number of 462 had dwindled to 243.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The duties under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, are carried out by the Inspector of Weights and Measures. Sanitary Inspectors can also take samples under the Acts.

All dairies and slaughterhouses are under the supervision of your Sanitary Inspector, by whom they are visited periodically.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
Factories with mechanical power	33	None	None
Factories without mechanical power.	21	3	None
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises).	None	None	None
	54	3	None

2.—Defects found.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3		
Overcrowding (S.2) ...				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
insufficient ...		None		
unsuitable or defective				
not separate for sexes				
Other offences ...				
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
TOTAL	3	3		

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES.

(Section 108 of Act of 1901; Section III of Act of 1937)

There were no instances of this during the year.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	34	28	—
Diphtheria	1	1	—
Enteric Fever	2	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	1	—
Pneumonia	4	—	6
Dysentery	—	—	—
Measles	5	—	—
Whooping Cough	5	—	—

Analysis of Total Notified Infectious Cases (other than
Tuberculosis) during the year 1939.

Age Groups.		Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Pneumonia.	Dysentery.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
Under 1 year	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—2 years	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3—4 „	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
5—10 „	...	15	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
11—15 „	...	11	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
16—20 „	...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
21—35 „	...	2	—	2	3	—	—	3	1
36—45 „	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46—65 „	...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
66 and over	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	...	34	1	2	3	4	—	5	5

SCARLET FEVER.

The following Table gives particulars of the 34 cases of this disease notified during 1939. Twenty-eight of the cases were removed to Hospital, the remaining six cases being nursed at home.

Locality.	Occurred.	
Broadway	February (1), May (1), June (1)	3
South Littleton	April (1), October (1), November (1)	3
Inkberrow	May (1)	1
Pebworth	June (3), July (1), August (1), September (2)	7
Offenham	July (3), November (2), December (1)	6
Badsey	July (1), November (2), December (1)	4
Norton	August (1)	1
Church Honeybourne	August (1)	1
Aldington	September (1)	1
Stockwood	September (2)	2
Kemerton	October (1), November (2)	3
Aston Somerville	November (1)	1
Middle Littleton	December (1)	1
	February (1), April (1), May (2), June (4), July (5), August (3), September (5), October (2), Novem- ber (8), December (3)	34

It is to be noticed that this disease was fairly widely distributed throughout the district both in place and time.

There was no serious outbreak in epidemic form,

DIPHThERIA.

Only one case of Diphtheria was notified during the year, at Badsey in November. The patient was removed to Hospital.

ENTERIC FEVER.

Two cases of this disease were notified during 1939, one at Aston-under-Hill in January, the other at Broadway in September.

PNEUMONIA.

Four cases were notified during the year and 6 deaths due to this disease were registered.

Only some types of this disease are notifiable hence the difference in the number of cases and deaths.

WHOOPIING COUGH AND MEASLES.

As from the 1st November, 1939, notification of these infectious diseases became compulsory and from that date to the end of 1939 five cases of whooping cough and five cases of measles were notified.

PUERPÉRAL PYREXIA.

Three cases were notified during the year, one at Sedgeberrow in May, one at Broadway and the remaining case at Cow Honeybourne in July. One of the patients was removed to Hospital and all three made good recoveries.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table gives particulars of the 8 new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from the disease in the area during 1939.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 „	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 „	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
25—34 „	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
34—44 „	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—54 „	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—64 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	5	1	2	—	3	1	—	—

Number of deaths from non-notified Tuberculosis ... Nil
 Total number of Tuberculosis deaths ... 4

The following Table shows the notification and death-rate per 1,000 of the population for the last 23 years:—

	Notification Rate.		Death Rate.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1939.	.42	.14	.28	.00
1938.	.86	.43	.50	.22
1937.	1.22	.29	.50	.22
1936.	.50	.36	.58	.29
1935.	.92	.21	.64	0.0
1934.	.85	.21	.57	.07
1933.	1.12	.37	.15	.08
1932.	1.14	.38	.69	.76
1931.	.99	.30	.61	.30
1930.	1.10	.48	.57	.08
1929.	.81	.36	.72	.17
1928.	1.80	.63	.72	.09
1927.	.66	.29	.57	.19
1926.	1.06	.48	.38	.10
1925.	1.28	.61	.29	.10
1924.	1.38	.88	.29	.24
1923.	1.20	.40	.11	.21
1922.	.61	.93	.40	0.0
1921.	1.24	.95	.63	.32
1920.	2.00	.63	.10	0.0
1919.	2.62	1.20	0.0	0.0
1918.	1.94	.65	.11	.11
1917.	2.40	.51	.11	.11

SCHOOLS.

It was necessary to close Cleeve Prior for a short period in February and Kemerton School for a short period in March on account of Influenza.

I append the report of your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. R. J. Atkinson, to whom I am again deeply indebted for his great help and co-operation given to me throughout the year.

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. HARTHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Sheriff's Lench,
Evesham.

November, 1940.

Evesham Rural District Council

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Evesham Rural District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1939.

Owing to the war which has caused additional work in many directions, and owing to depletion of staff this report is issued much later than usual.

WATER SUPPLY.

All the water supplies were sufficient for the needs of the district despite the fact that this is a reception area for evacuees. A number of official evacuees were sent to this district but many of them soon went back to their homes. There are many unofficial evacuees in the district and a good many more official evacuees are likely to come. In addition troops have to be supplied with water. I estimate that at the time of writing this report the population is 2,000 above normal.

It is very gratifying that the water supplies have been adequate without the imposition of restrictions. It has been necessary, however, to issue warning notices to residents to be careful in the use of water.

All the waters from public supplies were analysed at regular intervals and were satisfactory.

Considerable progress was made with the water scheme. During the year the new reservoir was completed at Broadway. All the mains were renewed in the same village. New mains were laid at Childswickham and all the houses with the exception of five connected thereto. The old standpost supply to that village is now abolished.

The laying of larger mains to Bretforton and the Honeybournes is proceeding and will soon be completed.

There has been no alteration as regards parochial supplies.

A scheme was under consideration for Ashton-under-Hill with a view to improving the existing supply but was postponed owing to the war.

Advantage has however been taken of the recent dry months to gauge all the springs on Bredon Hill in order to ascertain if there is sufficient water for the requirements of Ashton-under-Hill.

The parishes of Inkberrow, Abbots Morton, Church Lench and Rous Lench are still dependent upon private wells. Several wells at the Cookhill portion of Inkberrow are unsatisfactory. It was hoped to obtain a supply for these parishes from Coventry Corpora-

tion's proposed supply from the River Severn. Coventry Corporation however have not proceeded with their scheme.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No works of any moment were carried out during the year.

I cannot add anything to my previous reports on this subject.

There are some villages which require sewerage but I am afraid that will have to wait until after the war.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Much valuable work is being done as regards cleaning out water courses in connection with the Land Drainage Scheme. The following brooks are receiving attention :—

Honeybourne.

Ullington.

Carrant Brook, Ashton-under-Hill.

Other streams will receive attention in due course.

It is hoped that the cleaning out of the water courses will do much towards abating the large amount of flooding which occurs nearly every winter.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

An unusually large number of privies have been converted to W.C.'s, which is all to the good as regards public health. It has been noted with satisfaction that many of the licensed houses and hotels have been brought up to standard as regards sanitation during the year.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND REMOVAL.

The only improvement effected is that the Council now collect the refuse monthly instead of quarterly at Cleeve Prior.

The collection of salvage, such as waste paper, scrap iron, bones and rags, has thrown much additional work on to this department. Our efforts in this direction have been very successful.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THIS AREA.

Particulars are appended to this report.

CAMPING SITES.

One licence for a camping ground was issued.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

One complaint was received and the nuisance was abated.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No houses were found to be bug infested.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition at Schools are fairly good. The water supply at Cookhill School is still unsatisfactory.

HOUSING.

Thirty-one houses were erected by private enterprise and 16 by the Council.

The 16 built by the Council were 14 at Broadway and two at Harvington.

The following are also in course of construction :—

Bretforton	12
Hinton-on-the-Green	10
South Littleton	4
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These were in progress at the outbreak of war and the Council decided to complete them—a very wise decision.

Tenders were accepted by the Council for four houses at Church Honeybourne but as building operations had not commenced it was decided not to proceed.

The following Table shows that 906 houses have now been erected by the Council :—

HOUSES ERECTED IN EVESHAM RURAL DISTRICT
TO 31st DECEMBER, 1939.

Parish.	1909 Housing Act	1919 Act.	1924 Act.	1925 Act	1930 Act	1935 Act	1938 Act	Totals
Aldington	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
Ashton-under-Hill	—	—	18	5	1	—	—	24
Aston Somerville	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6
Badsey	—	24	30	17	5	—	—	76
Bretforton	20	12	24	—	—	—	—	56
Broadway	60	6	108	32	16	4	14	240
Childswickham	—	6	8	—	—	—	—	14
Church Honeybourne	—	12	6	7	5	—	—	30
Church Lench	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	12
Cleeve Prior	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
Cow Honeybourne	10	8	16	—	—	—	—	34
Harvington	16	—	18	2	9	1	2	48
Hinton-on-the-Green..	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	6
N. & M. Littleton	24	10	12	—	—	—	—	46
South Littleton	—	16	18	2	7	—	—	43
Norton	—	20	16	—	—	—	—	36
Offenham	26	—	20	—	12	—	—	58
Pebworth	10	—	18	—	14	—	—	42
Rous Lench	—	—	8	1	3	—	—	12
Sedgeberrow	—	—	27	2	—	—	—	29
Wickhamford	—	14	10	12	—	—	—	36
Beckford	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	16
Inkberrow	—	2	12	3	5	—	—	22
Totals	171	153	395	89	77	5	16	906

I am sorry the war has stopped Housing progress because I was hoping the Council would soon complete the building of 1,000 houses.

Much good work was accomplished during the year by the

demolition of condemned houses and the restoration of others which were unfit for habitation but not quite bad enough to be condemned.

The Panel of Architects of the Preservation of Rural England Society visited Broadway to inspect several condemned houses which had either been restored or where restoration was in progress. They expressed their pleasure at the valuable work the Council were doing in that direction. In the Annual Report of the Society it was stated that "Evesham Rural Council set an example which might well be emulated."

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS.

Twenty-nine houses were reconditioned under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.

OVERCROWDING.

I was hoping to be able to report that there was now not a single case of overcrowding in the district. Unfortunately almost immediately the war commenced several hundreds of evacuees (official and unofficial) came to the district. I have therefore no accurate records now. I am afraid, however, there will be some overcrowding.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Owing to the war all the meat is now sent from Evesham. There is very little slaughtering at private slaughter houses.

Meat condemned: 1 set bovine lungs and heart; 3 pigs and 2 lambs.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

Several improvements were effected at farms during the year.

FACTORIES.

There is nothing special to comment upon. Inspections are being carried out as usual.

WAR WORK.

Much work has been done for the troops in the district such as the provision of water supplies, removal of house refuse and cleansing of latrines. The latter has been formidable. Assistance in other directions has also been given to the Military Authorities.

Two valued members of my staff joined H.M. Forces, viz., Mr. D. C. Thompson, who joined the R.A.M.C. and is now an Instructor in Hygiene, and Mr. R. W. Ballard, who is in the Royal Air Force.

I thank the Council, the Clerk to the Council, Dr. Harthan and my staff for all the assistance which has been given to myself and to my department.

I am, Yours obediently,

REGINALD J. ATKINSON.

16th November, 1940.

EVESHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

Public Health Staff.

- (a) Medical Officer of Health : G. E. HARTMAN,
B.A., M.B., B.C. (Camb.).
- (b) Sanitary Inspectors : REGINALD J. ATKINSON, Cert.R.San.Inst.,
M.Inst.M. & Cy.E., F.F.A.S.

GEORGE E. KNIGHT,

Inspector's Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the year
ended the 31st December, 1939.

Infectious Diseases, etc.	Visits to houses on account of notifiable disease.	20
	Houses disinfected after notifiable disease ...	25
	Other houses disinfected	5
Housing.	Houses erected: (a) By Local Authority ...	16
	(b) By private enterprise or subsidy	31
	1. (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects	398
	(b) Number (included above) inspected and recorded under the Housing (Conso- lidated Regulations, 1925	66
	(c) Number of dwelling-houses found unfit for habitation	48
	(d) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding c.) not in all respects fit for habitation ...	350
	2. Number of defective dwelling-houses ren- dered fit after informal action	32
	3. Housing Act, 1936, Sections 9, 10, and 16.	
	(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied	40
	(b) Number of dwellings subsequently ren- dered fit after notice by	
	(a) The Owner	32
	(b) Local Authority in default of owner	—
	4. Public Health Acts.	
	(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied	332
	(b) Number of dwellings subsequently ren- dered fit after notice by	
	(a) The Owner	314
	(b) Local Authority in default of owner	—
	5. Housing Act, 1936, Sections 11 and 13.	
	(a) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	21
	(b) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	21

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

Housing—cont.	6. Housing Act, 1936, Section 12.	
	(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
	(b) Number of Closing Orders determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—
	7 Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.	
	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	There was practically no overcrowding until war commenced when hundreds of unofficial evacuees came to the district. There is now no accurate record.
	Number of families dwelling therein	
	Number of persons dwelling therein	
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	
	(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	
	Number of persons concerned in such cases	
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding		
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report		
Dirty Houses dealt with	2	
Yards paved or repaved	11	
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans, etc.	No. observed	6
	No. dealt with, as insanitary	4
House Drainage etc.	No. laid or relaid	83
	No. trapped, ventilated and repaired	3
	No. of obstructed drains dealt with	62
	No. of house-drains tested	62
	No. of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals rectified	10
	In what parishes, if any, is there need for a sewerage scheme, or improvements in sewage disposal?	See remarks
	*No. of privy middens in use at end of year	None
	*No. of earth or pail closets in use at end of year	
	(* Urban Districts only).	
	Water Closets	No. of privy or pail conversions including additional W.C.s ... ..	65
No. of defective W.C.'s remedied		6
No. of Slop Closets, converted to W.C.'s, with fresh water flush		None
No. of additional W.C.'s put in		9

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

Scavenging	No. of houses from which refuse was removed				All the district refuse is collected fortnightly at Broadway. Weekly at Overbury. Rest of district once a month.
	No. of privies cleansed				
	No. of ashpits cleansed				
	No. of portable receptacles cleansed				
	No. of ashpits removed and ash bins provided				
	How often is house refuse removed?				
Smoke Nuisances	No. under observation				I
	No. abated				I
Offensive Trades (Sec. 112 P.H.A. 1875, Sec. 51 P.H. A.A.A. 1907)	No. under observation				None
	No. improperly conducted				None
	No. newly established, with consent of Council				None
Water Supply	No. of wells sunk				6
	No. of wells cleansed and repaired				—
	No. of wells closed as polluted				2
	No. of houses supplied from waterworks during year				105
	No. of samples of water sent for analysis				Several
	No. of houses with contaminated or deficient water supplies dealt with				43
	Is there a deficiency in any parish or part of the District? If so, please give name of parish or part?				Cookhill, Inkberrow
Slaughter Houses	Public Slaughter houses				—
	No. registered (private)				2
	No. licensed (private)				10
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found				2
	Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported				None
	No. of inspections				101
Milk	No. of registered dairy farms in the area				107
	Total No. of Retailers in district				56
	No. of Licences under Milk (Special Designations) Order :—				
	Bottlers	Pasteurized	Accredited	Tuberculin Tested	
			7	1	
	Retailers		7	1	
	Producers		26	4	
	Approximate No of milking cows in the district				1400

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Canal Boats	No. of boats on register	None
	No. of boats registered during year	
	No. of certificates renewed	
	No. of boats inspected (for registration or otherwise)	
	No. of contraventions of Acts and Regulations dealt with	
Lodging Houses	No. on Register	None
	No. of inspections	
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	
Houses Let in Lodgings	No. on Register	None
	No. of inspections	
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	
Food	No. of seizures as unfit for consumption ...	1 set lungs and heart (bovine) 3 pigs 2 lambs
	Amount voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption	
	Amount destroyed as unfit for consumption:	
	Meat	
	Other Foodstuffs	
	Cases of animals affected with Tuberculosis:	
	Oxen	
Food and Drugs Act	Pigs	1 None
	Samples taken for analysis	None
	No. of samples certified genuine	None
	No. of samples certified adulterated	None
Other Matters	Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, Cases dealt with	None
	Vermineous Persons. Cases dealt with	None
	Vermineous Houses do.	2
	Stagnant Water do.	7
	Nuisances arising from domestic animals ...	None
Legal Proceedings	Convictions obtained with regard to insanitary conditions	None
	Convictions obtained with regard to unsound food	None
Outbreaks of Infectious Disease or other abnormal illness during the year	No serious outbreak of Infectious Disease during the year.	
Have any large sanitary improvements taken place during the year? If so, please give particulars	Renewal of water mains and the construction of a reservoir (90,000 gallons) at Broadway. New water supply to the parish of Childswickham.	

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What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?	<p>The water main from Badsey to Pebworth reservoir requires renewing. A new and larger main is being laid.</p> <p>Water supplies required for Church Lench, Rous Lench, Abbots Morton and Inkberrow.</p> <p>Sewerage and sewage disposal works required at Bretforton, Honeybournes, part of Badsey and Childswickham, also at the Littletons.</p>	
No. of cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid Fever during the year with any notes as to possible origin.	One case notified. Origin could not be traced.	
General Remarks	<p>Other nuisances abated:—</p> <p>Defective lavatory pails ... 29</p> <p>Dampness 20</p> <p>Defective rain water gutters 9</p> <p>Cesspits abolished ... 1</p>	

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18th November, 1940.

